

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully amended.

Applicant encloses a proposed drawing FIG. 1A in response to the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). This drawing, FIG. 1A is a close up of box 50 of FIG.1 showing the features objected to as not being shown under 37 CFR 1.83a. The Examiner's attention is drawn to the specification on page 6, lines 5-33 of the specification, that describes this feature as shown in the drawings. It is therefore respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

New drawings are enclosed to overcome the objection of the black boxes not being labeled accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the drawings submitted herein fully comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d). It is therefore respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The specification has been amended as required in the last office action. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 8 were rejected along with dependent claims 2-7 and 9-8 under 35USC112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reasons.

The term "a second part identification block" is formed from a total for the number of tracks" and "the total number of

tracks can be determined from the TOC" is fully supported and described to enable one skilled in the art. The Examiner's attention is directed to page 7, line 14-page 11, line 28. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 6-7 have been amended herein to fully comply with the requirements of 35 USC112, second paragraph. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 12-14 were recited under 35USC101. Claim12 has been redrafted independent form to fully comply with 35 USC1101. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35USC103 (a) over Woodward (US 2003/0028721) in view of Kawamura (US 6424614) Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reasons.

The claimed invention as recited in amended independent claim1 recites a method of generating an identification data block for a data carrier (41) by a reproducing arrangement for reproducing a number of data carriers, which data carrier (41) comprises at least one track, wherein each track is defined by an item of start position information, wherein the identification data block is formed from part identification

blocks by means of a gating function, wherein a first part identification block is formed from the items of start position information and a second part identification block is formed from a total for the number of tracks on the data carrier, characterized in that the first part identification block is formed from the items of start position information by means of an XOR gating operation and an XOR gating operation is then likewise used as a gating function.

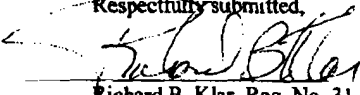
Woodward relates to a method for creating a media identifier. Woodward is not concerned with nor does it address a method for generating an identification data block for a data carrier. Further Woodward does not teach or suggest by a reproducing arrangement for reproducing a number of data carriers

Kawamura does not disclose such an arrangement and is only concerned with a data recording medium and playback device. Kawamura is not concerned with generating an identification data block. Accordingly neither of these references alone or in combination teaches nor suggests the claimed invention as now recited in independent claim1.

Further it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would have no motivation to combine the teachings of Kawamura with Woodward as Woodward does not require or having any need for XOR gating function in the invention.

Allowance of the claims remaining in the present application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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